

**LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION**

**ORDER >\$150,000**

**FAR PART 8.405-6**

**Acquisition Plan Action ID: 689-18-1-7922-0005**

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 1, *West haven, Newington* Medical Center Services are to be furnished by the contractor for and at VA Connecticut Healthcare System (VA), West Haven Campus, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516 and Newington Campus, 555 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT 06111.
- 2. Description of Action:** This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple-Award Schedule Program ([41 U.S.C. 251](#) and [40 U.S.C. 501](#)). VA Connecticut Healthcare System requires the contracted services of (2) Echo Cardiogram Techs (Cardiac Sonographers) in order to continuously provide services to Veterans, both inpatient and outpatient in the West Haven and Newington facilities. There is a current contract extension in place which expires October 31, 2017 that provides for these services. The loss of these services would seriously impact VA Connecticut's ability to provide services in a timely manner and significantly impact Veteran care. In addition to the average cost of an Echo scan outside the facility, \$525.00 per procedure, transportation costs and potential outside inpatient costs, delays could impact the health and well-being of our patients.
- 3. Order against:** ☒ FSS Contract Number: V797P-7170a  
Name of Proposed Contractor: Titan Medical group LLC  
Street Address: 4526 S. 143rd St, Suite 101  
City, State, Zip: Omaha, NE. 68137  
Phone: 866-322-9600

**4. Description of Supplies or Services:**

The estimated value of the proposed action is [REDACTED]

Titan Medical Group LLC will provide 2 candidates to fill 1 FTE position for a total of six month. The contractor's echocardiography technician will be able to perform all aspects of cardiac ultrasonography in the medical center, and is responsible to the Director of echocardiography cardiology section for the collection, processing and analysis of echocardiography data. This includes the performance of all outpatient emergency/routine, stress/contrast trans-thoracic echocardiograms, assist during invasive trans-esophageal echocardiograms and the total operation of the Cardiac Echo Laboratory without direct physician supervision.

**(4) IDENTIFY THE AUTHORITY AND SUPPORTING RATIONALE (see 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(A), (B), and (C) or 8.405-6(b)), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE.**

- ☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.
- ☐ Only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized;
- ☒ In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order must not have been previously issued under sole source or limited source procedures.
- ☐ Items peculiar to one manufacturer:
- ☐ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is: (If FAR 8.405-6(a)(2)iii before posting. Do not include specific proprietary data. Only mention the type of equipment, procedure, etc. to show that proprietary supplies or services are being procured.)
- ☐ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.
- ☐ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

**(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.404(d) TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:**

It is in the Governments best interest to utilize the current incumbent as the current incumbent is able to provide a seamless transition of services. If the procurement were to be competed there is a possibility that there would be a disruption in services which would directly impact patient care; as well, it would result in the duplication of training, security checks, and background checks. Any delays occurred as a result of competing this requirement would have a direct impact on patient safety, and put veterans at risk. The current incumbent and their contracted employees are already vetted within the VA System.

Titan Medical Group LLC, is a GSA Federal Supply Schedule contract holder V797P-7170a. The services offered under this schedule have already been determined fair and reasonable.

Furthermore, NCO1 is able to make a best value determination comparing the quote to the Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE).

**(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:**

Market Research was not conducted for this procurement. A long term contract is currently being competed; however, is not ready for award at this time. A follow on task order to the current incumbent is being solicited as an award to a new contractor, at this point in time, would severely delay use of the temporary staff services already vetted within the VA system, create unnecessary wait times for patients, disrupt patient care and conflict with current patient experience guidelines.

**(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:**

There are no additional facts supporting this justification.

**(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:**

This is a one-time exception to seeking competition. In the future all procurements for cardiac sonography services shall be competed. Advanced planning, for future procurements, will allow for ample time to obtain competition, and have all potential candidates vetted within the VA System.

**(9) REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4. *(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service or someone with responsibility and accountability.)*

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SERVICE LINE/SECTION</b>
<b>West Haven</b>		
<b>FACILITY</b>		

**(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE [VHAPM Part 806.3 OFOC SOP](#):**

**a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

VHAPM Part 808.405-6 Limiting Sources  
Attachment 2: Request for Limited Sources Justification Format >\$150K

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CONTRACTING OFFICER/DESIGNEE'S SIGNATURE

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Scott Remillard Contracting Officer  
NAME AND TITLE

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Tammy A. Fox, Contracting Officer  
NAME AND TITLE

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**b. One Level Above the Contracting Officer (Required over \$150K but not exceeding \$700K):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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DATE

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NAME

NCO/PCO XX Duty Title

**HIGHER LEVEL APPROVAL (Required for orders over \$700,000):**

**c. VHA SAO HCA REVIEW AND APPROVAL (over \$700,000 to \$68 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for restricting consideration of the Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4.

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NAME

VHA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)

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DATE

**d. VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$68 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

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JAN R. FRYE

Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Acquisition and Logistics  
Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)

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